Concentration of Pak supported militants

†*72. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large concentration of Pak supported terrorists on the Bangladesh border adjoining border areas of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that indications of linkage of attack on International Science Conference held in Bangalore with Bangladesh have been received;

(c) if so, the action to be taken by Government in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the measures being taken by Government to deal with the possibilities of attack by terrorists on economic bases of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No such inputs have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Investigation so far carried out in connection with the terrorist shootout in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore does not reveal any linkage with Bangladesh.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) The States are advised from time to time to take immediate steps to streamline physical and protective security, wherever required, of vital installations and important establishments including the economic infrastructure. In order to tackle the activities of terrorist organizations, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach by strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. The Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and

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activities of terrorist organizations from time to time. Besides, bilateral and multilateral steps are taken to counter such activities.

Intelligence failure regarding Naxal attacks

*73. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during December, 2005 although Naxalites and Maoists attacks in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, etc. were countered by respective States Police, there seemed to be an intelligence failure as the intensity and frequency of such attacks indicate;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is evolving a concerted and well co-ordinated approach to deal with this growing Naxal menace; and

(c) if so, the details thereof[7]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) While the naxal affected States have stepped up their police response to counter the naxal violence, these States have been asked to improve intelligence gathering and sharing mechanisms to combat this menace more effectively.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view that naxalism is not merely a law & order problem, the Union Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to address this menace simultaneousiy on political, security and development fronts in a holistic and coordinated manner

Committee for acquisition of land for cantonments

†*74. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Committee or Board to decide prudently the requirement of land for cantonments or other defence related works or for acquiring land which is actually needed, as it is often seen that excessive land is acquired which remains unutilised for many years and is also not returned to its owners;

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